Forbes Primary School Sun Protection Policy

Purpose

Forbes Primary School is committed to providing a safe and respectful learning environment where bullying will not be tolerated.

All department school sites and early childhood education and care services must have a sun protection policy in effect for school terms 1, 3 and 4 and whenever ultra violet (UV) radiation levels reach 3 or above. Sites must inform the school community including employees, students, parents and volunteers of the sun protection policy. Children and young people are encouraged to be responsible for their own sun protection.

Using sun protection

The school uses a combination of sun protection measures for all outdoor activities on and off-site **during terms 1** and **4.**

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	

Clothing

Sun protective clothing is included in the school uniform/dress code and sports uniform. The clothing is cool, loose fitting and made of closely woven fabric. It includes shirts with collars and elbow length sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts and rash tops or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.

 Appropriate sun-protective clothing must be worn on all school days, including special dress and casual days. Shirts with sleeves must be worn on Sports Day

Sunscreen

- Students must provide their own SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.
- Sunscreen is an essential prerequisite for attendance and participation in Sports Days, outdoor excursions
 and camps. It is to be applied at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours if
 remaining outdoors.
- Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors. (e.g. reminders from staff, sunscreen buddies)
- Families with children who have naturally very dark skin are encouraged to discuss their vitamin D
 requirements with their GP or pediatrician.

Hats

All students and staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears e.g. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats whenever they are outside. **Baseball or peak caps are not acceptable.**

When enrolling a child, families will be requested to purchase a school hat or provide an appropriate hat for their child's use. Students who do not have their hats with them are required to play in designated areas protected from the sun - permanently shaded areas such as the shelter sheds or verandahs.

- Forbes hats are available for purchase from the Front Office.
- Please ensure that all hats are named clearly.
- A student may not participate in outdoor class activities, including Forbes Sports Day, without a hat.





Shade

- Care is taken during the peak UV radiation times, and outdoor activities are scheduled outside of these times or in the shade where possible.
- Outdoor events to be held during term two or earlier in the day where practical.
- Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
- Students who do not have appropriate hats or clothing are asked to stay in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun. Students who do not have their hats with them are required to play in designated areas protected from the sun permanently shaded areas such as the shelter sheds or verandahs.

Staff WHS and role modelling

As part of WHS UV risk controls and role modelling, staff will wear appropriate sun-protective hats when outside and seek shade where possible.

Families and school visitors are encouraged to us a combination of sun protection measures when participating in and attending outdoor school activities. e.g. sun protective clothing and hats, sunscreen and shade

Curriculum

- Programs on skin cancer prevention are included in the curriculum for all year levels.
- Sun Smart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, school website, staff meetings, school assemblies, student and teacher activities.
- Families will be informed of the Sun Protection Policy in student enrolment packs.

Students who refuse to follow the school's Sun Protection Policy are risking skin damage from the sun. Repeated refusal to follow the Sun Protection Policy will result in referral to the School Behaviour Code.

Related policies

- Uniform policy
- Behaviour Support Policy

Communication and review

- Consultation has been undertaken with students and Governing Council representing the school community to make local decisions.
- Ratified at the Governing Council meeting on the 08/08/2023.
- The school's policy can be accessed on the Forbes Primary School Website
- This policy will be reviewed every 2 years, next review date 2025.

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